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I want to applaud your changes to the food distribution program. Many of the ideas put forth in this document will be very good for the public schools. The 2 areas of particular importance to my school system are the processing charges that you addressed. It is difficult to use my entire entitlement when there are foods that my students do not find acceptable. Using some of the entitlement for the processing charges works well for me.

I understand the concept of the government purchasing surplus foods and distributing them to public schools and institutions. I am finding that we, in Connecticut, seem to get an excessive amount of some products (i.e. pork in many forms). I cannot use all the pork that is allotted to me under my entitlement. It is difficult to take advantage of my entire entitlement when I am offered foods that I cannot use in my schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to address my concerns.

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